



General Assembly

**House Joint
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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and
Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO
SHORTEN THE LENGTH OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION IN ODD-
NUMBERED YEARS.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 That the following be proposed as an amendment to the
2 Constitution of the State, which when approved and adopted in the
3 manner provided by the Constitution, shall, to all intents and
4 purposes, become a part thereof:

5 Article third of the amendments to the Constitution is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 There shall be a regular session of the general assembly on the
8 Wednesday following the first Monday of January in the odd-
9 numbered years and on the Wednesday following the first Monday of
10 February in the even-numbered years, and at such other times as the
11 general assembly shall judge necessary; but the person administering
12 the office of governor may, on special emergencies, convene the
13 general assembly at any other time. All regular and special sessions of

14 the general assembly shall be held at Hartford, but the person
15 administering the office of governor may, in case of special emergency,
16 convene the assembly at any other place in the state. The general
17 assembly shall adjourn each regular session [in the odd-numbered
18 years not later than the first Wednesday after the first Monday in June
19 and in the even-numbered years] not later than the first Wednesday
20 after the first Monday in May and shall adjourn each special session
21 upon completion of its business. If any bill passed by any regular or
22 special session or any appropriation item described in Section 16 of
23 Article Fourth has been disapproved by the governor prior to its
24 adjournment, and has not been reconsidered by the assembly, or is so
25 disapproved after such adjournment, the secretary of the state shall
26 reconvene the general assembly on the second Monday after the last
27 day on which the governor is authorized to transmit or has transmitted
28 every bill to the secretary with his objections pursuant to Section 15 of
29 Article Fourth of this constitution, whichever occurs first; provided if
30 such Monday falls on a legal holiday the general assembly shall be
31 reconvened on the next following day. The reconvened session shall be
32 for the sole purpose of reconsidering and, if the assembly so desires,
33 repassing such bills. The general assembly shall adjourn sine die not
34 later than three days following its reconvening. In the even year
35 session the general assembly shall consider no business other than
36 budgetary, revenue and financial matters, bills and resolutions raised
37 by committees of the general assembly and those matters certified in
38 writing by the speaker of the house of representatives and president
39 pro tempore of the senate to be of an emergency nature.

40 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the
41 constitution be continued to the next session of the general assembly
42 elected at the general election to be held on November 7, 2006, and
43 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented
44 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 7, 2006,
45 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the
46 amendments to the constitution. The designation of said proposed
47 amendment to be used on the voting machine ballot labels and

48 absentee ballots at such election shall be "Shall the constitution of the
49 state be amended to shorten the length of the legislative session in
50 odd-numbered years?"